

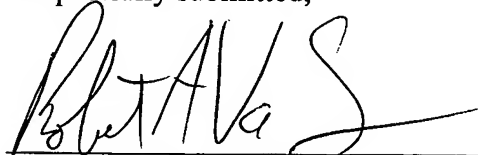
REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-17 were rejected based upon a defective reissue oath/declaration under 35 USC 251. As stated in the Office Action, an appropriate supplemental oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) will overcome this rejection. Accordingly, a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (PTO form PTO/SB/51S) has been executed by the inventor and is enclosed herewith. Based on this submission, the rejection of claims 1-17 should not be applicable.

The Applicant has not been able to locate the ribboned original patent at this time. Accordingly, the original patent is believed lost or inaccessible.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the pending claims are believed patentable over the cited reference. However, if the Examiner believes certain amendments are necessary to clarify the present claims or if the Examiner wishes to resolve other issues by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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